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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patent  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

**I. Introduction**

Applicant respectfully requests the grant of a filing date to the accompanying application. Further, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment. This preliminary amendment is made at the time of the filing of the application and should be considered part of the original disclosure. The Claims are believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334 in this action and any subsequent action.

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